Family Homelessness Initiative

9.17.2014 | Information Session Immediately followed by FHC Feedback Session



Initiative News & Updates

Important Announcements

- Quarterly Co-Sponsored SKCCH Families Committee Meetings
 - 1st Session Rapid Re-Housing for Families Pilot
 - Further develop common understanding about key elements of the pilot
 - Further improve coordination between shelters & RRHF
 - October 22nd 9:30 11:30am East Cherry YWCA
- Client Focus Groups
 - We are looking for families who have completed assessments (either placed in programs or currently on roster)
 - Opportunity to talk with Katharine Gale
 - Dates: Sept. 30th or Oct. 1st
 - Contact Michelle Valdez for more details



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Committee/Workgroup Updates

- FHI Advisory Group
 - Discussed Share Vision
 - Who else needs to be at the table? Membership
 - Challenges & Recommended Solutions (re: Vision)
 - CEH Vision & Strategic Plan; work plans for each population
 - Continuum of Care System Targets for Rare, Brief, & One Time
 - Discussed recommendations from CEH Data & Eval Subcommittee
 - Updates on Coordinated Entry consultant process



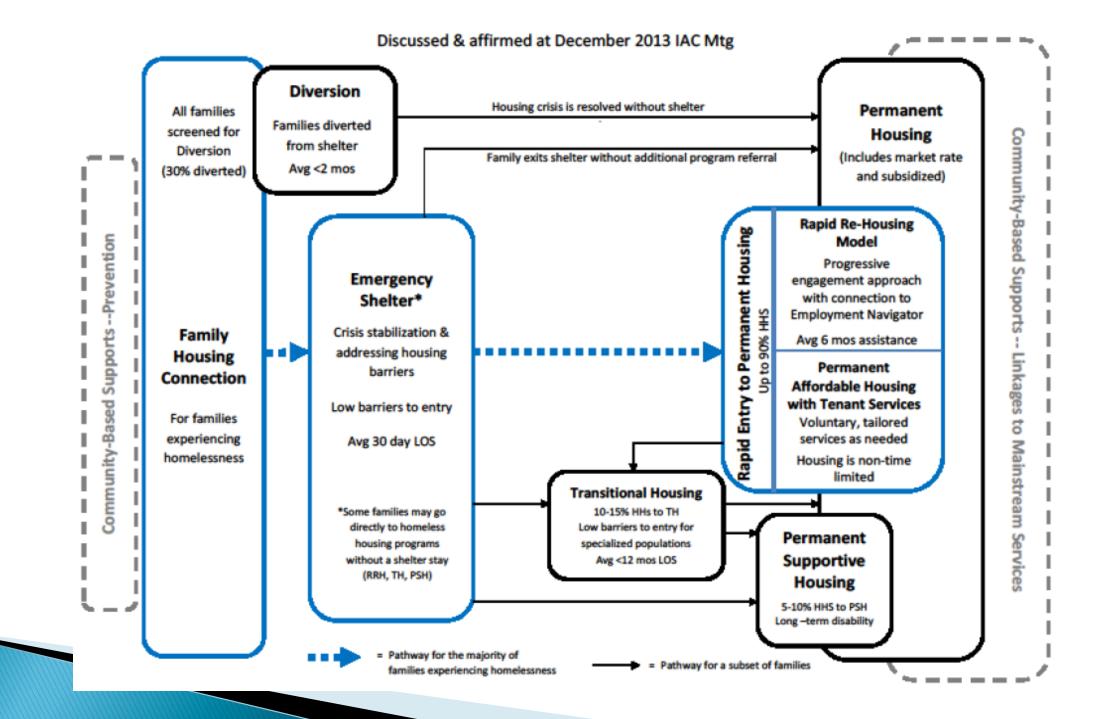
Implementation Strategies – Progress, News & Updates

Realignment Process

Family Homelessness System

- Rare, Brief, & One Time
- Assist families experiencing homelessness attain permanent housing as quickly as possible
- Re-balance family homelessness system to better address that goal
- Continuing the same strategies will yield the same results





Refined Models

Refined Models Current models **Improved System Performance & Client Outcomes** Low barriers to entry Crisis stabilization svcs **Emergency Shelter Emergency Shelter** • **↓** Length of stay Address hsg barriers • ↓ Length of stay Low barriers to entry Transitional Housing Transitional Housing Specialized pops • <12 mos. LOS Progressive engage. • Avg. 6 mos. asst. Rapid Re-Housing Rent Asst./Rapid Re-Housing • Employ. Navigators Vol./tailored svcs Some specialized pops Service Enriched Housing Perm Aff Hsg w/ Tenant Svcs Non-time limited Long-term disabilities • Comp. Svcs as needed Permanent Supportive Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Non-time limited (medical, mental health, sub abuse, etc.)

System Realignment Targets

Discussed & Affirmed at June 2014 IAC Mtg 2020 Targets Current Capacity* Approximately 25% each year 288 Units Shelter 50-100 Units First group of shelter units to realign during 2016/2017 First phase of TH units to realign during 2015 Transitional 791 Units (Approximately 250 units) 100-150 Units Housing Approximately 20% each subsequent year** RRH Pilot: Current Transitional Rental Assistance programs to align with Rapid Up to 250 179 slots Re-Housing RRH model in 2015 Slots TRA: (and TRA) RRH Pilot ends 2014 (ongoing funding TBD) 101 slots Permanent Approximate 20% increase each year 388 Units Up to 1000 Afford, Hsg. Units increase as time-limited units realign (Service units W/ Tenant Enriched Hsg.) Services Permanent Approximate 15% increases each year 200 Units Supportive 250-350 Units Units increase as time-limited units realign Housing

As noted in the Guiding Principles, these realignment efforts will be an iterative, 'learning' process, with adjustments made as necessary. The above targets may be refined based on this "learn as we go"' philosophy.

^{*} Current capacity- estimates based on 2013 CEH System Map & HMIS Data.

^{**}Transitional housing programs primarily realign to non-time limited projects.

- Group 1
- 5+ Agencies
- Project Analysis Process
- Coordination with FHI and Funders
- Resulting in transitional housing units realigning to permanent housing approaches

- Other Time-Limited Programs
- Remaining Time-Limited
 Programs
- Making Incremental Adjustments
- Coordination with FHI and Funders
- Resulting in improved system performance in key areas

- Incremental Changes towards RARE, BRIEF, ONE TIME
- Learning Circles for all staff levels for each program type (shelter and transitional)
- Utilize system and program-level data to:
 - Inform changes needed
 - Identify & build on strategies that are working
- Exchange solutions and ideas
- Test new strategies
- Potential resources available to support adjustments

- Timeline More Iterative Process
- ▶ 3rd Quarter 2014:
- Begin Learning Circles (meeting every other month) Review and discuss system and program-level data
- Provide report of successes, work-to-date, and initial plans to work towards system goals by October 1, 2014 to Building Changes

4th Quarter 2014:

- Begin utilization of System Realignment Tool Kit (Realignment Assessment and Action Plan)
- Begin utilization of technical assistance and system resources to support efforts

February 2015:

 Second group to begin Project Analysis Process (pending outcome of first phase)

- Capacity Building Grants updates
 - First Installment 2013
 - Support immediate efforts underway
 - Training & NAEH Family Conference
 - Second Installment 2014
 - Building Changes to release request for 2nd installment
 - Support either realignment or incremental changes (use now or later)
 - Capacity Building uses:
 - Technical assistance
 - Consultant
 - Change management support
 - Professional development goals

Implementation Strategies - CEA Update

CEA Consultant Site Visit Objectives & Schedule

	Site Visit #1	Site Visit #2	Site Visit #3	Site Visit #4	Site Visit # 5	Site Visit #6
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	Sept. 2 – 4	Sept. 30 – Oct. 3	*Oct. 27 – 30	*2 nd Week of Nov.	*2 nd Week of Dec.	*Jan. 5 – 6
*DI ANNED	Meet with: ✓ FHI & Data/Eval staff ✓ City, County and other funders and/or agency leaders	Focus Groups with: ✓ Consumers placed in housing through FHC ✓ Consumers on the waitlist	Continue Meetings with: ✓ Providers ✓ Consumers ✓ Funders ✓ Other Stakeholder groups	Continue Meetings as needed with: ✓ Stakeholder groups ✓ Providers ✓ Funders ✓ Others	Follow up meetings, as needed, with: ✓ FHI/CEH staff ✓ Funders ✓ Other community stakeholders	Present final recommendations to: ✓ CEH Interagency Council (IAC)
*PLANNED ACTIVITIES:	Observe: ✓ 2-1-1 ✓ FHC processes ✓ Diversion Pilot Learning Circle Review: ✓ Data ✓ program eligibility criteria ✓ FHC Operations Manual	Individual Meetings with: ✓ Specialized population providers/groups ✓ A sample of providers from different program types	Hold first community forumto: ✓ Provide information on scope of work ✓ Gather input ✓ Lead focused discussions	Hold second community forum to: Share initial observations and findings Lead focused discussions Gather feedback	Meet with the FHI Advisory Group to: ✓ Report on findings from analysis ✓ Present initial recommendations ✓ Gather input and feedback for final recommendations	Meet with CEH/FHI staff to: ✓ Wrap up project ✓ Submit final report and recommendations ✓ Provide suggestions on next steps and implementation plan
OBJECTIVE OF VISIT:	Information Gathering	Consumer & Provider Input	Community Stakeholder Input	Ongoing Info Gathering & Sharing	Share Initial Findings & Obtain Additional Input	Present Final Recommendations
WHO:	Actual Individual and/or Group Meetings included: FHI Staff King County Evaluator Funders/Agency Leaders included: King County, City of Seattle, Building Changes, CEH, & United Way FHC Director, assessment and	**Actual Individual and/or Group Meetings included:	**Actual Individual and/or Group Meetings included:	**Actual Individual and/or Group Meetings included:	**Actual Individual and/or Group Meetings included:	**Actual Individual and/or Group Meetings included:
	referral staff ✓ 2-1-1 staff ✓ Diversion Pilot agencies			I consider the second	10 SOMEON MARK NO 60	ay change do to scheduling and consultant preference with consultant will be updated

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Shelter Diversion Pilot:

Jan. 2014 - May 2015

- Diversion explored at "front door" of FHC at every assessment appointment (for families in places not meant for human habitation)
- Level 1 ("lightest-touch") diversion provided by FHC
- Level 2 (requiring more time/assistance) provided through referrals from FHC to providers
 - Four diversion providers: Wellspring, Solid Ground, Interim, and Neighborhood House



Diversion Pilot - Progress to date:

Number of Families Served as of August:

278 families have been enrolled in Diversion

- Of those, 89 are 'still in progress' currently working with a diversion case manager
- For the 189 who have exited:
 - 105 (56%) have been successfully diverted
 - 84 (44%) were unable to be diverted (referred back to FHC to complete housing assessment)

Still working on getting the full picture from the data, but these early numbers are promising (the goal for the pilot was to successfully divert 30%)



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Rapid Re-Housing for Families Pilot Updates

- Follow-up regarding coordination between shelters & RRHF
 - Utilization of standardized form and/or other consistent strategy
 - Commitment from all parties to support the goal of improved coordination
 - Email from FHI to all shelters & RRHF
- October SKCCH FHI Co–Hosted Families Committee Meeting
- New exit data (as of 9/2/14):
 - Of the 83 families that have moved into housing, 32 families have exited the program now
 - Average housing subsidy has been 89 days



What's Coming Up

- October 15th 2100Building, Seattle
 - Next FHI Info Session 9–10am
 - FHC Feedback Session 10–11am
 (meetings occur at the same location)
- CEH Meetings
 - Next IAC Meeting October 6th 2-4 Saint Mark's Cathedral



Questions/Comments? Suggested topics for future sessions?

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